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SUBJECT: FRG- GDR TALKS ON ESTABLISHMENT OF PERMANENT MISSIONS

SUMMARY: AT THE BONN GROUP MEETING ON JUNE 19, THE FONOFF REP (BRAEUTIGAM) PROVIDED ALLIES WITH BRIEFING ON INNER- GERMAN TALKS HELD LAST WEEK IN EAST BERLIN ON THE EXCHANGE OF PERMANENT MISSIONS PURSUANT TO ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THE BASIC TREATY. TALKS WERE LED BY SAHNE (FRG) AND SEIDEL (GDR). END SUMMARY

1. BRAEUTIGAM, WHO WAS A MEMBER OF THE FRG DELEGATION, SAID THAT ALTHOUGH THE GDR SIDE INSISTED THE TALKS HAD TO BE CONSIDERED INFORMAL UNTIL THE BASIC TREATY ENTERED INTO FORCE, THEYHAD COME PREPARED TO DISCUSS FUNDAMENTAL FORMULATIONS ON A TENTATIVE BASIS. BRAEUTIGAM SAID FRG NEGOTIATORS HAD DISTINCT IMPRESSION THAT CERTAIN KEY QUESTIONS HAD NOT YET BEEN FULLY CLEARED THROUGH GDR GOVERNMENT. THE GDR HAD BEEN FLEXIBLE ON MANY INDIVIDUAL CONFIDENTIAL

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POINTS, BUT IT WAS CLEAR THAT THEY SOUGHT TO HAVE DETAILED ARRANGEMENTS REFLECT AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE THE EXISTENCE OF FORMAL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO GERMAN STATES. THE FRG COULD NOT ACCEPT THIS CONTENTION, AND THE TALKS HAD BECOME DIFFICULT ON POINTS WHERE THIS WAS THE MAIN ISSUE.

- 2. BRAEUTIGAM REPORTED THAT AGREEMENT IN SUBSTANCE HAD BEEN REACHED ON THE FOLLOWING OUESTIONS:
- A. NAMES OF MISSIONS: BOTH SIDES HAD ACCEPTED " DIE STAENDIGE VERTRETUNG DER BRD (DDR)" AS THE OFFICIAL NAME FOR THE RESPECTIVE MISSIONS. BRAEUTIGAM COMMENTED THAT WHILE THE GDR HAD NOT YET ATTEMPTED TO INSERT THE DESIGNATION " IN THE GDR (FRG)" IN THE NAMES OF THE MISSIONS, FRG NEGOTIATORS BELIEVE THIS QUESTION MAY STILL COME UP BEFORE THE MISSIONS ARE ESTABLISHED.
- B. MISSION CHIEFS: THEY WILL BE CALLED " LEITER DER STAENDIGEN VERTRETUNG." THE GDR MISSION CHIEF WILL HAVE AMBASSADORIAL RANK; THE FRG CHIEF WILL NOT.
- C. EXCHANGE OF NOTES: IN WHAT AMOUNTS TO THE CUST-OMARY "AGREMENT" BETWEEN TWO NATIONS AT THE TIME OF EST-ABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS, THE TWO SIDES WILL HAVE AN EXCHANGE OF NOTES TO INFORM EACH OTHER ABOUT THEIR RESPECTIVE MISSION CHIEFS. THE FRG WILL NOT, HOWEVER, USE THE NORMAL DIPLOMATIC TERM "AGREMENT" FOR THIS PROCEDURE.
- D. FREE MOVEMENT: THE GDR APPEARED PREPARED TO ACCEPT THE PRINCIPLE OF FREE MOVEMENT WIHTIN THE GDR FOR FRG MISSION STAFF IN EAST BERLIN, SUBJECT TO THE GENERAL LAW OF THE GDR.
- E. TRAVEL TO WEST BERLIN: THE FRG FEELS THIS IS NECESSARY FOR THEIR EAST BERLIN STAFF, AND THE GDR HAS AGREED, ALTHOUGH THE AGREEMENT WILL PROBABLY NOT BE MADE IN WRITING.
- F. FORM OF AGREEMENT: BRAEUTIGAM SAID THERE WOULD BE A JOINT PROTOCOL WITH THE FOLLOWING OPENING WORDING: "IN THE COURSE OF TALKS BETWEEN DELEGATIONS OF GOVERNMENTS, THEY HAVE REACHED THE FOLLOWING AGREEMENT..." WHO WILL SIGN THE PROTOCOL IS STILL AN OPEN QUESTION ON BOTH SIDES, WITH THE FRG PREPARED TO BE FLEXIBLE.
- 3. AS NOTED ABOVE, DISAGREEMENT STILL EXISTS ON VARIOUS CONFIDENTIAL

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ISSUES WHICH COULD LEND COSMETIC OR SUBSTANTIVE SUPPORT TO THE GDR CONTENTION THAT ESTABLISHMENT OF PERMANENT MISSIONS EQUALS DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION AND SEVERAL QUESTIONS REMAIN OPEN. AMONG THESE ISSUES ARE:

A. DIPLOMATIC LIST: THE FRG PLANS TO CLASSIFY
GDR MISSION STAFF UNDER THE HEADING "ANDERE VERTRETUNGEN"
IN ITS DIPLOMATIC LIST. BRAEUTIGAM NOTED THAT THIS FOR-

MULATION WAS USED FOR LISTING MEMBERS OF THE FINNISH TRADE MISSION PRIOR TO ESTABLISHMENT OF FORMAL FINNISH-FRG TIES. PROTOCOL RANK AND CAR NUMBERS ARE RELATED ISSUES ON WHICH NO AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED.

B. WHO WILL DEAL WITH PERMANENT MISSIONS? THE FRG DOES NOT WISH TO AUTHORIZE ITS FONOFF TO DEAL WITH THE GDR PERMANENT MISSION, AND HAS SUGGESTED THAT FRG CHANCELLERY AND GDR COUNCIL OF MINISTERS BE DESIGNATED AS THE

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COPETENT AUTHORITIES. THE GDR WISHES TO EMPOWER THE RESPECTIVE FOREIGN OFFICES.

C. DEFINITION OF FUNCTIONS: THE FRG WANTS A SPECIFIC WRITTEN FORMULATION ON BERLIN INDICATING THAT "THE FRG PERMANENT MISSION WILL REPRESENT THE INTERESTS OF THE FRG AND THE WESTERN SECTORS OF BERLIN;" BRAEUTIGAM SAID THE GDR HAS TROUBLE ACCEPTING THIS AND MAY PREFER SIMPLY AN ORAL STATEMENT AS IN THE PREVIOUS CASE OF THE INNER-GERMAN TRAFFIC TREATY.

D. NATIONALITY: FRG PREFERS FORMULATION "PERSONS

FROM (BLANK);" THE GDR WILL PROBABLY PRESS FOR "PERSONS OF (BLANK) NATIONALITY."

E. PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES: BRAEUTIGAM SAID THE FRG HAS NO PROBLEM WITH GRANTING GDR MISSION STAFF THE SAME PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES ENJOYED BY OTHER DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS IN BONN; THE QUESTION IS SIMPLY FINDING THE APPROPRIATE LEGAL BASIS FOR GRANTING THEM. HE RECALLED THAT WHILE THE GDR WILL DO SO ON THE BASIS OF THE VIENNA CONVENTION, THE FRG IS ENACTING A SPECIAL LAW APPLYING THOSE PORTIONS OF THE VIENNA CONVENTION SPECIFIC-CONFIDENTIAL

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ALLY COVERING PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES. THE FRG REGARDS GDR PROCEDURES IN THIS MATTER AS THEIR OWN INTERNAL AF-FAIR, HOWEVER, AND WILL NOT OPPOSE GDR USE OF THE VIENNA FORMULA TO COVER MEMBERS OF ITS MISSIONS AS LONG AS THE GDR DOES NOT OBJECT TO THE SPECIAL FRG LAW. BRAEUTIGAM SAID A COMPROMISE SOLUTION FOR THIS PROBLEM WOULD PRO-BABLY BE FOUND ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES. THERE WOULD BE A STATEMENT IN THE PROTOCOL TO THE EFFECT THAT EACH SIDE WOULD PROVIDE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE OTHER PARTY WITH PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES " ANALOGOUS" TO THOSE IN THE VIENNA CONVENTION. AS DESCRIBED IN AN ANNEX ATTACHED TO THE PROTOCOL. THE ANNEX WOULD DESCRIBE THE PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES BUT WOULD NOT COVER THE LEGAL BASIS TO BE USED BY EACH STATE TO GUARANTEE THIS STATUS. IT WOULD BE UNDERSTOOD THAT THE BASIS IN THE GDR WOULD BE THE VIENNA CONVENTION. AND THAT THE FRG WOULD USE ITS OWN LEGISLATION.

- F. TIMING: THIS HAS NOT YET BEEN DISCUSSED.
 SEIDEL SAID THE GDR PROBABLY WOULD NOT BE READY TO OPEN
 ITS MISSION FOR BUSINESS BEFORE SEPTEMBER, BUT THE POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT CHIEFS OF MISSION COULD BE ACCREDITED SOMEWHAT EARLIER IF THE TWO SIDES CAN AGREE ON A PROTOCOL. BRAEUTIGAM COMMENTED THAT THE FRG WOULD PROBABLY
 BE READY FOR THE ACCREDITATION EARLIER THAN THE GDR, AND
 THAT FROM THE FONOFF POINT OF VIEW THE NOTES COULD BE EXCHANGED IN JULY. HE SAID REMAINING PRACTICAL TALKS COULD
 END EARLY IN JULY.
- 4. IN THIS LATTER CONNECTION, THE UK REP (CROMARTIE)
 AGAIN MENTIONED THAT THE UK NOW WISHES TO SEND ITS AMBASSADOR TO EAST BERLIN AT THE END OF AUGUST, WITH THE GDR
 AMBASSADOR EXPECTED IN LONDON APPRECIABLY SOONER (SEE
 BONN 8114). THE FRENCH REP (BELLESCIZE) SAID HIS GOVERNMENT WAS PREPARED TO WAIT UNTIL THE FALL TO SEND ITS
 AMBASSADOR TO EAST BERLIN. BRAEUTIGAM SAID THE FRG WOULD
 HAVE NO OBJECTIONS IF SIZEABLE TIME GAPS EXISTED IN THE
 ARRIVALS OF THE GDR AND ALLIED AMBASSADORS IN RESPECTIVE CAPITALS, BUT FOR ITS OWN PART THE FRG WOULD PREFER
 TO KEEP THAT TIME PERIOD SHORT FOR DOMESTIC POLITICAL

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5. MISSION BUILDING. BRAEUTIGAM REPORTED THAT THE FRG
NOW HAS CHOSEN A SUITABLE BUILDING FOR ITS MISSION
IN EAST BERLIN. THE BUILDING, WHICH WILL BE RENTED, WILL BE PARTIALLY READY FOR OCCUPANCY BY LATE SUMMER, BUT NOT
FULLY PREPARED BEFORE NEXT YEAR. THE FRG WILL NOT BEGIN
FULL MISSION OPERATIONS UNTIL THE BUILDING IS COMPLETELY
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